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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Vincent DE LAFORCADE) Group Art Unit: 3728
Application No.: 10/035,204) Examiner: J. Foster
Filed: January 4, 2002) Confirmation No.: 3472
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MIXING AT LEAST TWO PRODUCTS)))
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450	

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action of August 19, 2004, the period for response having been extended two months by a Petition for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the present application and withdraw the claim rejections for the reasons explained in detail below. Claims 1-66 are pending.

As an initial matter, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 6, 9, 14, 19, 22, 41, 44, and 50-52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their corresponding independent claims and any intermediate, dependent claims. Office Action at 7. At this time, however, Applicant respectfully declines to rewrite any of those dependent claims in independent form, as will be explained in more detail below.